SATOP

The Substance Abuse Traffic Offenders' Program is Missouri's education and intervention program for drinking drivers. It was established by the Missouri legislature in 1993 as an expansion of an earlier program which consisted of a simple 10-hour education program for drinking drivers. SATOP is administered by the Missouri Department's of Mental Health's Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse and includes substantial interagency effort by the Missouri Department of Revenue.

▼ The Costs

The costs of the program are borne by DWI offenders and includes a $126 assessment screening fee and a $145 supplemental fee, which is deposited into the Mental Health Earnings Fund. This fund is used by the Department of Mental Health to purchase intervention services for persistent and repeat DWI offenders.

A network of nearly 60 agencies with about 200 sites provides various levels and types of services locally. The Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse provides training for staff and sets minimum standards for program operations. Only agencies certified by the division as meeting the standards may participate in the system.

DWI offenders are required to complete this program for reinstatement of their driving privileges. Loss of driving privileges may have resulted from administrative revocation procedures by the Department of Revenue or from an alcohol-related driving conviction in court.

▼ Major components of SATOP

Offender Management Unit (OMU)

All DWI offenders are required by law to undergo an individualized assessment screening. This is the primary service of the OMU and is available at nearly 200 locations. The assessment screening consists of a Department of Revenue driving record review, a standardized computer-based questionnaire, and an individualized interview with a qualified substance abuse professional.

Offender Education Program (OEP)

A 10-hour education course designed primarily for lower risk, first-time offenders in understanding the choices they made that led to their intoxication and arrest. Education is the key to helping first-time offenders take responsibility for their actions.

Adolescent Diversion Education Program (ADEP)

A 10-hour education program designed for individuals under the age of 21 who have been arrested or cited for alcohol/other drug-related offenses, such as Minor in Possession, Abuse and Lose, or Zero-Tolerance. The mission of ADEP is to reduce alcohol and other drug-related deaths and injuries by educating young offenders about the risks and consequences of alcohol and other drug use and abuse.

Weekend Intervention Program (WIP)

A level of service designed primarily for repeat offenders or "high risk" first-time offenders using intensive education and counseling intervention methods throughout a marathon weekend (48 continuous hours) of structured activities. Activities are designed to encourage offenders to confront their harmful behavior and take responsibility for their lives.

Clinical Intervention Program (CIP) & Youth Clinical Intervention Program (YCIP)

A level of outpatient treatment service consisting of intensive outpatient counseling based on the needs of the persistent or "high risk" offender. Each offender participates in 50 total hours of treatment activity consisting of 10 hours of individual counseling, 20 hours of group counseling, and 20 hours of group education at a certified treatment facility. Ten hours of the required 50 hours must specifically address DWI/DUI issues. The Youth Clinical Intervention Program (YCIP) is a 25-hour program is available for minors who are identified as "high risk."

▼ Additional Information

For more information about the SATOP program and service levels, visit the website at www.dmh.mo.gov/ada/satop, or call 573-522-4020.

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